Study of BRTs

1999. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware about the various mega cities adopting Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) in the heart of city without consulting the local population and local experts in the matter;

(b) whether his Ministry would conduct study on this particular system of Rapid Bus Transport in view of possibility of accidents and obstacle to age, disabled persons and women; and

(c) whether his Ministry is aware about the removal of old tram system in the middle of the road in the cities of Mumbai and Delhi on the basis of change in modern vehicles and modern transport facilities such as Metros?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Stakeholder consultation is the part of preparation of City Development Plan (CDP) for the projects including Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) of this Ministry.

(b) Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) is an established mode of public transport successfully running in a number of countries world-wide for the last 30 years. One of the important features of this system is level boarding and alighting to facilitate travel by aged, disabled persons, women, children etc. As such no further study in this particular aspect is contemplated.

(c) Tram is a State subject as defined in the Constitution. As such, this Ministry does not maintain any such data.

Land to hospital

†2000. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that precious land is provided on concessional rates to the hospitals across the country on the condition that they would provide free treatment to the poor;

(b) the details of the hospitals not complying with this condition, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken/contemplates any action against such hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Land is listed in the State List of Seventh Schedule of Constitution of India and, therefore, allotment of land to hospitals across the country does not fall within the purview of the Central Government. However, so far as National Capital Territory of Delhi is concerned, DDA has reported that it has allotted land to 54 hospitals. Land and Development Office has

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.